

## Implementing Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8: A Federal, State, Local and Tribal Partnership

The President issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8: *National Preparedness* (HSPD-8) in order to develop a national domestic preparedness goal, establish mechanisms for improved delivery of Federal preparedness assistance to State and local governments, and strengthen the preparedness capabilities of Federal, State, local, and tribal entities. HSPD-8 requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to coordinate with the heads of other appropriate Federal departments and agencies and consult with State and local governments. Recognizing that preparedness is a *national* effort, DHS has engaged stakeholders at all levels of government and in the private and non-profit sectors at every stage of HSPD-8 implementation:

### The Integrated Concept Teams

Three Integrated Concept Teams were convened to address major objectives of HSPD-8: Balanced Investments; Training, Exercises, and Lessons Learned; and Assessment and Reporting. Each team met over a span of three months to develop a vision, explore the current state of programs in their scope, outline the system design needed to support the vision, and identify an implementation approach to migrate to the desired system. Each team had substantial representation from Federal, State, and local stakeholders outside of DHS.

### Conferences and Workshops

DHS has held Workshops to review both the Universal Task List (UTL) and the Target Capabilities List (TCL) to solicit input from key stakeholders. More than 170 Federal, State, local, and tribal representatives attended each meeting and provided valuable insight and suggestions on the UTL and TCL.

### Ongoing Working Groups

DHS has worked closely with a small Federal Working Group and a working group of State, local, and tribal representatives. Over the course of several meetings these Working Groups have reviewed all aspects of the UTL, TCL, and Goal. They have also provided feedback on improving communication, education, and outreach efforts. Organizations represented on the State, local, and tribal working group are listed in the box above.

#### **ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED ON THE STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL WORKING GROUP**

- American Public Works Association
- Association of State & Territorial Health Officials
- City of New York Office of Emergency Management
- County Executives of America
- Fraternal Order of Police
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- International Association of Emergency Managers
- International Association of Fire Chiefs
- National Association of Counties
- National Association of County and City Health Officials
- National Association of Towns and Townships
- National Emergency Management Association
- National League of Cities
- National Native American Law Enforcement Association
- National Sheriff's Association
- National Volunteer Fire Council
- United States Conference of Mayors

### Broad Review by Stakeholders

The National Preparedness Goal and other key documents have been posted online for broad review by stakeholders. More than 1500 organizations were invited to comment, including Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies, the private and non-profit sectors, and national professional associations. This number includes 398 municipalities, 112 State agencies, and 94 national associations. This broad review has enabled stakeholders representing all emergency disciplines and every State and territory to provide comments and input on target capabilities.

For more information, go to <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/assessments/hspd8.htm>



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